

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 572

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bobby Davis on his induction into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize those extraordinary athletes who, through their superior skill and dedication, have brought honor and distinction to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Bobby Davis, who has been honored with induction into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, Bobby Davis was an exemplary athlete for Caneyville High School where he was a member of the baseball, cross country, and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Davis graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College and was the star of the Tennessee Wesleyan basketball team; he led his team to a four-year record of seventy-four wins and thirty-six losses and Tennessee Wesleyan's most successful National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Men's Basketball National Tournament appearance in 1967 when Mr. Davis and his team advanced to the Elite Eight; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is the third all-time leading scorer in Tennessee Wesleyan College's history with 1,985 points and holds the record at his alma mater for most free throws made in a season at 156; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Davis had an impressive 18.7 career points per game average and a free throw completion percentage of eighty-seven percent; and

WHEREAS, an extraordinary player in the history of Tennessee Wesleyan athletics, Bobby Davis was inducted into the Tennessee Wesleyan College Hall of Fame in 1981; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable athletic ability was recognized when he was named to the 1967 NAIA All-Tournament Team, 1967 and 1968 NAIA All American, and a 1967 and 1968 Associated Press Small College All American; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was a member of the 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968 First Team All-Volunteer State Athletic Conference and the 1966, 1967 and 1964 First Team All-District Twenty-four; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Davis was named the 1967 and 1968 Volunteer State Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player and the 1967 District Twenty-four Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Davis shared his expertise with young student-athletes as an assistant basketball coach and physical education instructor from 1968 to 1970 and a teacher and coach at Church Hill High School from 1971 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is a member of Christ United Methodist Church, the Associated General Contractors of Knoxville, the American Institute of Architects of Knoxville, and the past president of the Construction Specification Institute and the City Wide Service Club; and

WHEREAS, married for forty-five years to Suzanne Tipton Davis, he is the proud father of Jennifer and Katie and grandfather of Kayla; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Davis is a man of integrity, remarkable talent, and exceptional sportsmanship whose accomplishments are deserving of recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Bobby Davis upon his induction into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame, commend him for his legacy at Tennessee Wesleyan College, and wish him success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.